

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Please enter amendments to the claims as follows:

1-11 (cancelled)

12 (previously amended): A headrest according to claim 21 wherein:

said head-support portion additionally comprises a convex cushioning portion, on said surface opposite from said base portion, containing a deformable and resilient filler material, whereby said convex cushioning portion accommodates a variety of angles and positions relative to said user's face, head, and neck.

13 (currently amended): A headrest according to claim 21 ~~additionally comprising, in which:~~

a said means for wrapping around said ~~back~~ rear surface of said seat back ~~comprising~~ comprises two straps, each of said straps having two ends, the said two ends of each of said straps being attachable together with a length-adjustable buckle.

14 (previously amended): A headrest according to claim 21 wherein:

said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion with a hinged joint, said hinged joint being releasably locked at a chosen angle defined by the plane of said seat back and the plane of said head-support portion whereby said user may collapse said headrest into a smaller size for convenience in portability, and whereby said user may chose various such angles for positioning said head-support portion against said user's face, head, and neck.

15 (previously amended): A headrest according to claim 21 wherein:

said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion in a pivoting means such that said head-support portion may pivot to various angles

perpendicular to the plane of said seat back whereby said user may chose various such angles for positioning said head-support portion against said user's face, head, and neck.

16 (previously amended): A headrest according to claim 21 wherein:

said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion at a substantially right angle.

17 (cancelled)

18 (currently amended): A portable headrest adapted for detachably engaging ~~the seat back of a chair~~ with a seat back having front and rear surfaces, comprising:

- a. an inflatable structure forming, when inflated, a ~~rigid~~ firm base portion to rest against said front surface of said seat back, said base portion having means for wrapping around ~~the back~~ said rear surface of said seat back thereby releasably and securely holding said base portion against said seat back, and
- b. a ~~rigid~~ firm head-support portion which ~~extends~~ is adapted for extending far enough outward from said seat back such that said head-support portion will provide sufficient lateral support to prevent lateral bending of ~~said a~~ user's neck or the rolling forward of said user's head beyond the extending dimension of said head-support portion, said head-support portion comprising a head-support surface opposite said ~~rigid~~ base portion such that said user's head may rest laterally on the head-support surface and dorsally substantially against the plane of ~~the~~ said front surface of said seat back.

19 (original): A headrest according to claim 18 wherein:

said inflatable structure comprises a substantially tear-drop shape.

20 (previously amended): A headrest according to claim 18 wherein:

said inflatable structure comprises a strap loop surrounding a strap and a slide-back stopper attached thereto, having such a shape as to prevent movement of said strap loop along said strap beyond said slide-back stopper, arranged such that the weight of said user's head will exert a force such that said strap loop will engage said slide-back stopper, whereby said headrest will not move further along said strap in the direction away from said user's head.

21 (currently amended): A portable headrest adapted for a chair having a seat back with front and rear surfaces, comprising:

- a. a rigid base portion to rest against said front surface of said seat back, said base portion having means for wrapping around said front and rear surfaces of said seat back thereby releasably and securely holding said base portion against said seat back, and
- b. a rigid head-support portion having two opposite surfaces that
 - (1) is connected to said base portion, adapted for extending far enough outward from said seat back and said base portion such that said head-support portion will provide sufficient lateral support to prevent lateral bending of a user's neck or the rolling forward of his or her head beyond the extending dimension of said head-support portion, and
 - (2) receives said user's head on the surface opposite from said base portion such that the back of said user's head rests not against said base portion, but, when used in combination with said seat back, rests substantially against the plane of said front surface of said seat back.